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EUNICE ELIZA BLISS

By Sue E. Blaisdell

A few years ago, I watched a webinar on finding female ancestors. Then, I gave a presentation on the topic at my local genealogy group. Female ancestors are difficult to find due to name changes and lack of records. I found lots of solutions to this difficulty, so I needed to test myself. One of the female family members about whom I knew very little was Eunice Bliss. I had found an 1862 marriage record for Eunice E. Bliss and B. Franklin Blaisdell, and the 1870 and 1880 census records for Franklin and their two kids but no Eunice. I wanted to know more. Did she die or get a divorce? Why would a young woman leave her two small children never to return? And, what happened to her after that? These were some of my questions as I was exploring my Blaisdell ancestors and their families. Here's what I found out after a few years investigating her story. [All locations are in Michigan unless otherwise stated.]

Eunice Eliza Bliss was born February 26, 1846, in Bridgewater Township, Washtenaw County, (the township just east of the village of Manchester), into the farm family of Franklin Bliss, his wife, Diana Priest, and their two sons, Luther Adolphus (age 3 ½) and young Clement (age 2). Also living in the area were Eunice's grandparents, old Clement and old Teresa Bliss, and some of their other children. Diana died December 23, 1848 at Saline, when Eunice was not yet three years old. [This may have been the village of Saline or the township of Saline. The property that Franklin and Diana owned from 1840 to 1845 was in Bridgewater right at the Saline Township line, about a 7 mile trip to the village of Saline. They sold that property to Obediah Priest who was probably Diana's brother.] In the 1850 census, 4-year-old Eunice was living in Hamilton Township, Van Buren County, with her father's oldest brother, William P. Bliss, a farmer, and his wife, Eliza, and little Charles, born in 1848 or 1849. Charles was in no later censuses so he may have died young. Only 5 houses away was Leonard Priest, a carpenter, his wife, Harriet, and children Albert, 9, and Isabella, 4. Leonard was likely a brother of Eunice's mother, Diana. Harriet was definitely a sister of Franklin Bliss (Eunice's father) and a daughter of old Clement.

Back in Manchester, Franklin Bliss didn't spend a lot of time grieving over his dead wife. On April 1, 1849, he married Nancy C. Seekle who gave birth to Eunice's half-brother Lyman Sydney Bliss on Oct. 30, 1849. Another half-brother, Frank S. Bliss, was born in Middleville, Thornapple Township, Barry County, on Apr. 20, 1853. So, the family moved to Middleville between these latter two dates, but we can narrow it down more.

Of the family in the vicinity of Bridgewater, William P. and Charles C. Bliss, who was also a brother of Eunice's father, both sold their land in 1848. William, as previously noted, moved to Van Buren County. Charles bought property in Barry County shortly thereafter. In the 1850 census, Charles C. Bliss, a carpenter, and his wife, Elizabeth, were already in Thornapple Township, Barry County, with their daughter Celia, age 5, another cousin Eunice's age. Old Clement Bliss was the last to sell land in Bridgewater Township on May 12, 1851. So, the whole clan was probably in the Middleville area by the summer of 1851. Unfortunately, records are scarce, so it is unclear how long Eunice was at her Uncle William's house. When she first went there, it may have been a hundred-mile journey by stage coach or train. The Detroit to Chicago railroad had just arrived and probably went very close to her new home. Eventually, Uncle William's family would move to Oshtemo Township, Kalamazoo County, and then to Thornapple Township, Barry County, where the rest of the Bliss family lived. During this time, Aunt Eliza had at least 4 more children.

Nevertheless, shifting environments and family life may have been rough on little Eunice. So, in 1860, at 14 years of age, she was back in her father's household in Middleville, which was a stagecoach stop midway between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. Both Eunice and her brother young Clement were caught up in the 1860 census twice. On July 10, 1860, both Eunice and Clement were enumerated with their family in Thornapple Township. Then on July 18, Eunice was in the same township in the household

of Anthony and Analiza Lee where she may have been "working out"—families often sent an older child to a friend, neighbor, or relative to work, as an opportunity for the child to learn new skills, pay off a parents' debt, or earn their own money. Both censuses indicated she had attended school within the year. And on June 16, young Clement, age 16, was listed as a farm laborer in the household of Charles Wier in Bridgewater. The census enumerator was supposed to record where people lived on June 1, not the people living there on the day he arrived, and not the family members who may be living somewhere else temporarily. Obviously, not all census instructions are adequately conveyed or followed.

On January 1, 1862, 16-year-old Eunice Bliss married 28-year-old Benjamin Franklin Blaisdell (most often referred to in records as "Franklin" or "B. Franklin") in Manchester, Washtenaw County. He was the tenth of the 13 children of my second great-grandparents, James P. Blaisdell (1783–1856) and Isabel Smith (1795–1851). He was born in May 1833 in Bethany, Genesee County, in western New York, and moved to Michigan before he was old enough to go to school. I believe his family lived in Bridgewater Township on the property of John W. Norris, the husband of his much older sister. Franklin was a cooper by trade and had just spent the previous summer (April 9 to August 7, 1861) on his first enlistment in the Civil War with Company D of the 1st Michigan Infantry so he would have been at the First Battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861, when inexperienced Union forces met inexperienced Confederate forces. He mustered out as a 3rd Sergeant at Detroit and a few months later he and Eunice were married. In June 1863, Franklin, 30, was listed as a farmer in Manchester subject to do military duty. On November 3, 1863, their first son, Henry Percival Blaisdell, was born. On February 20, 1865, Franklin returned to military duty with Company G, 11th Michigan Infantry. Shortly thereafter, their second son, Alden Lester Blaisdell, was born on March 26, 1865. Franklin was finally mustered out from the Michigan Infantry as a 4th Corporal at Detroit on December 18, 1865.

On May 14, 1868, he put an announcement in the *Manchester Enterprise*, (page 3 column1).

> Notice.—Whereas my wife, Eunice E. Bliss has left my bed and board without any just cause or provocation, therefore this notice is to forbid any person to trust her on my account, as I will not pay any debts contracted by her.
>
> Franklin Blaisedell, Manchester, May 14th

Their boys were 3 and 4 ½ years old at that point. Although I've looked in all the logical places, I never found a divorce record for this marriage.

Franklin never remarried. His sister, Lucia (Blaisdell) Campbell, left her husband in July 1869, and she moved in with Franklin and his kids between August 1869 and July 1870. At various times some of Lucia's seven kids also lived in Franklin's house, and several of them lived with friends and other relatives near Manchester after they each left their father's farm in White Oak Township, Ingham County, near Dansville. Lucia's youngest child and only boy, Edgar M. Campbell, remained with his alcoholic father, Eli Campbell, until May 18, 1872, when Franklin and Lucia gathered together a "posse" and a curtained carriage to kidnap the child, who by then no longer seemed to recognize his mother and tried to cling to his father who was roughed up by his visitors. When the oldest daughter, Celestia (Campbell) Gray, was deposed for Lucia and Eli's divorce on September 16, 1873, she gave the names, ages, and residences of herself and all her siblings. At that time, Adelia, 14, Angeline, 9, and Edgar, 8, were living at Franklin's house along with his sons Henry, 9, and Alden, 8. So, Eunice's boys probably had a stimulating family life without her. In fact, Henry did well enough in elementary school to get his name in the newspaper several times as being a praiseworthy student.

Now let's back up and explore Eunice's extended family history a bit more. Like the Blaisdells, the generations of Blisses progressively moved west from the eastern seaboard until they arrived in Michigan. While records were well kept in the coastal areas, pioneers moving into new territories had to

concentrate on survival, so records were often not made or were made from memory years later and so were inaccurate if they existed at all. The weighty three volume tome, *Genealogy of The Bliss Family in America* by Aaron Tyler Bliss, says Eunice's great-grandfather Abel Bliss was born about 1745 in Hebron, Connecticut, but it is not clear where his son, the old Clement in this story, was born, but probably some place in New England. He had 15 kids, 13 surviving to adulthood. One of his sons was Eunice's father, Franklin Bliss, who was born in 1817 in Riga Township, Monroe County, in western New York. That was about 15–20 miles from where Franklin Blaisdell was born about 1833 in Bethany Township, Genesee County, New York, and lived until his family came to Michigan a few years later. So, it's plausible that some Blaisdells knew some Blisses before moving to Michigan.

On March 1, 1837, Clement Bliss [*old Clement*] of Bridgewater bought land in Bridgewater Township, Section 12. His three oldest boys were William P., Charles C., and Franklin Bliss born in 1815, 1816, and 1817. The Bliss family also had three girls of marriageable age in 1837: Louisa (1819), Harriet (1821), and Sarah (1822).

There is no Priest genealogy that I have found—nothing comparable to the Bliss tome—so many relationships are guesses. We do know for a fact Franklin Bliss married Diana Priest and stayed in Bridgewater Township until Diana died. Two possible brothers of Diana were also in the Manchester area, Leonard Priest who married Franklin's sister, Harriet, and moved to Van Buren County; and Obediah Priest whose first wife was a Eunice Bliss, but she may have come from some other Bliss family. Nevertheless, the Bliss and Priest families came to the Manchester area, and eventually, most of the Bliss family went on to Middleville.

Obediah Priest's daughter, Frances, was a witness to the wedding on New Year's Day 1862 of Eunice Bliss and B. Franklin Blaisdell performed by William Donnelly, Minister of the Gospel—an older gentleman who should have known the laws relating to marriage. But, if records are correct, Eunice was not yet 16—not until February 26—and one or both of the witnesses were not yet of age. Eunice and Henry Isabel, the other witness, were listed as age 14 in the 1860 census with their respective families, and Frances Priest was only 13. Is it possible that Eunice couldn't get a legal divorce because she didn't have a legal marriage? As mentioned before, in 1868 Franklin put an announcement in the *Manchester Enterprise* saying that Eunice had left his home and he would no longer pay her debts. So what happened to this marriage and where did Eunice go? These are questions that may never be answered, but here's what I found while looking.

By the 1870 census, Uncle William Bliss and his family were in Middleville near the rest of the Bliss family, and Eunice's husband and children were in Manchester, but not Eunice. She was nowhere to be found during that census year. But, on October 29, 1871, at age 25, Eunice Eliza Bliss married a blacksmith named Charles F. Jackson and both list their residence as Middleville. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bliss were witnesses to the marriage. These were probably her father and stepmother because her brother Frank was only 18 at the time and not married until a few years later.

Then in the 1880 census, Eunice E. Jackson, listed as married, was living in Bliss Township, Emmet County, with her brother Adolphus L. [*Luther Adolphus*] Bliss and his wife Rhoda [*née King*]. Luther A. Bliss had served in the Civil War and on December 10, 1877 he received a patent for 160 acres to homestead in Section 24 of Bliss Township, about 10 miles from Mackinaw City. The high point on this property has a nice view of Lake Michigan to the north, while some lower areas are flat and tillable. Homesteading in the wilds of northern Michigan didn't last long for Adolphus and Rhoda. She died in 1883 in Harbor Springs of typhoid fever at age 32, and he died in 1885 in Petoskey of inflammation of the lungs at age 42.

Since Eunice was living away from her second husband, it appeared to be time to look for a divorce. I found several possible divorces of interest in Emmet County, but it was just recently that I

finally got access to the whole divorce of Eunice and Charles Jackson, since I previously didn't have a good idea of where on the microfilm it was located. The microfilm had been indexed with odometer readings using the type of equipment that was available at the time. The equipment was updated, but not the readings to indicate where on the tape each divorce was located. However, hidden in the county's records was a binder listing the order of divorces on each microfilm, which made finding it easy.

E. Eliza [*Eunice*] Jackson presented her Bill of Divorce to the Circuit Court of Emmet County in Chancery on October 8, 1881, claiming that she had left Charles F. Jackson on August 15, 1878, when Charles beat her severely. Quoting directly from the Bill: "on or about this said 15th day of August 1878 he came home and as was common with him was under the influence of liquor having been drinking hard for several days, that he came up to your Oratrix took her by the throat and hands and backed her up into the corner of the room, threw her down upon the floor and placing both knees upon her chest held her there for a long time, cursing and swearing at her… ." She said he was a habitual drunkard who swore at and threatened her repeatedly. After the above event, she went to live with her parents. Her brother Frank helped her move her household goods. "E. Eliza" and Charles F. Jackson had been living in Plainwell, Allegan County, together, but later separated and the last known residence for Charles was Prairieville, Barry County, where he had apparently left and no one knew where he went, so a notification of the suit was published in the *Petoskey City Record* for six weeks starting June 1, 1882. Eunice's claims of abuse were supported by her two half brothers Sidney and Frank S. Bliss and Frank's wife, Clara, who were deposed by a notary public in Middleville on January 6, 1883. Sidney described Charles as a "lazy and shiftless ass." Frank described him as a "confirmed & habitual drunkard – and libertine. He had the reputation of keeping company with women of bad repute." In the opinion of Clara Bliss, the "complainant was a good and prudent and industrious woman" and that defendant was "an habitual and confirmed drunkard". The divorce was granted on January 11, 1883, on the basis of cruelty and drunkenness.

Eunice's first son, Henry Percival Blaisdell, grew up on Morgan Street in Manchester with his father and Aunt Lucia where he was called Henry and completed 4 years of high school according to a later census. During the 1880 census, he was a 17-year-old day laborer living at home. A snippet in the *Manchester Enterprise* that summer said he had just returned from up north. Had he gone to visit his mother in Bliss? In 1885, he moved to Harbor Springs, Emmet County, a resort town on Lake Michigan, where he was called Percy and worked for the railroad. Did he move there to be closer to his mother or because he got a job on the railroad? On May 6, 1890, Henry P. Blaisdell, 27, a railroad man, married Elfie E. Kingsbury, 24, a school teacher. Shortly thereafter they bought a house on contract, moved in, and commenced housekeeping.

The 1890 US census was mostly destroyed, but luckily the Schedule of Soldiers and Widows was not. In this Schedule, Eunice E. Ross lived in Harbor Springs and was listed as a former widow of Civil War soldier, Benjamin F. Blaisdell. But, he was not dead! Listed next on that census form was the widow Terressa Coder, who was living in the same household as Eunice. She was Eunice's father's sister who was blind. Her husband, Charles E. Coder, may not have been dead at that time either. [In 1880, "Theresa Cody" had been living with Franklin Bliss and family in Middleville.]

In August 1891, Elfie left Percy Blaisdell according to Eunice who was deposed for their divorce on October 29, 1894. Eunice said she herself had lived in Harbor Springs 12 years, that she had been at the wedding, had observed their marriage, and that his wife left believing he had not supplied her with adequate clothing. Eunice described Percy as a hardworking, industrious man of good habits. It appeared to me that Eunice was posing as an older woman in the community, and possibly hiding the fact that she was Percy's mother, since it would have been a relevant point to mention to the Court. So, apparently, Eunice had lived in Harbor Springs since 1882. On October 23, 1894, Percy and Elfie's divorce was finalized. Then on November 20, 1894, Henry P. Blaisdell, 32, married his second wife, Mrs. Fannie E.

Marion (aka Frances Fairchild), 31. His parents were listed as Frank Blaisdell and Elya Bliss. Mrs. E. E. Ross of Harbor Springs was a witness. When I saw this record, I knew it had to be Eunice with two new names and a new husband!

Eunice had married Charles H. Ross in Ogemaw Springs, Ogemaw County, Michigan, on or about Jan. 1, 1884 at almost age 38. They had apparently lived in Friendship Township, Emmet County, just north of Harbor Springs. They had no children. She left Ross on Feb. 17, 1894, and presented her Bill of Complaint to the Circuit Court of Emmet County in Chancery on October 19, 1894. The Bill said that since her marriage with Ross, she "has always behaved herself towards him as a chaste dutiful and affectionate wife", and that Charles, "on diverse days and times" since their marriage, "has beaten, choked and threatened your Oratrix and has neglected to furnish her with proper food and clothing… ." Two witnesses were deposed for the divorce: Willi Boskill, who was 13 and had lived with the Rosses for a few years, said that Eunice twice asked Charles not to beat animals, but Ross responded by beating her in various ways, once with a neck yoke or whiffle tree; and Lyman Benson, a carpenter, who lived with the Rosses in Harbor Springs for a few weeks in 1893 after he left his first wife, who described Charles as very bad tempered and Eunice as gentle tempered. The divorce was finalized in Emmet County on May 28, 1895.

Then on June 8, 1896, at age 45 (she was really 50), Unice E. Ross, maiden name Bliss, of Petoskey, a dressmaker, married Lyman W. Benson, 46, of Petoskey in Petoskey, Emmet County, just across the bay from Harbor Springs. Both had been married once before, according to this document. Lyman had a son, Bernard Benson, born April 1880, who was about 16 at that time and may have referred to Eunice as his mother instead of stepmother in some records. His real mother was Hattie or Harriet Stilwell Benson.

Eunice and Lyman didn't stay in Harbor Springs long. Tourism is seasonal and the mainstay of northern Michigan. Year around jobs are to be had in the big cities to the south. The 1897 Grand Rapids Polk City Directory shows "Benson Mrs. Eunice E. boarding house 679 S Ionia", and "Benson Lyman W, carp, h 17 Spring". This can be interpreted in different ways: She could have been managing a boarding house as her day job or she could have been separated from Lyman and living at the boarding house. Or, because he was a carpenter, he may have had to live close to where he was working at the time. But that was the only year she was listed. Often, city directories didn't report names of wives unless they were employed in commerce, so it can be interpreted that Eunice worked as a housewife most of the time she lived in Grand Rapids. Lyman continued to be employed as a carpenter (or laborer) until 1906 when, at age 56, he became a watchman for Globe Knitting Works.

I had been unable to find Eunice and Lyman in the 1900 census until I found Lyman in the 1900 city directory for Grand Rapids which listed Lyman W. Benson at 17 Grandville av. So, I searched the 1900 census records for Benson on Grandville Ave in Grand Rapids, and here is what I found: At 17–19 Grandville Ave lived Langdon W. Benson, 45, his wife, Julia E., 47, and son Burnum, 19. The couple had been married 25 years, and she had 2 children both still living. They also had a boarder, Peter Larson, 28, of Sweden, a day laborer, who had immigrated in 1879. While there were significant inaccuracies, it is plausible that Peter or a neighbor may have supplied the info which may have been accurate to the best of their limited ability.

Lyman's, and most likely also Eunice's, addresses in Grand Rapids were: 17 Spring (1897), 18 Ransom (1898), 98 Williams (1899), 17 Grandville av (1900–1901), 102 Williams (1902), 182 Wealthy av (1903–1904), 13 Miller (1905), 168 Wealthy (1906), 118 3^{d} av (1907), 125 3^{d} av (1908–1911), 147 Grant (1912–1914). While he was a carpenter, they moved almost every year. Packing up, moving, and setting up a new household is hard work and takes a lot of time—and it probably fell to Eunice to do much of the work. No other entries in the Grand Rapids city directories were clearly Eunice, but a

domestic named Emma Benson lived at 218 E. Fulton in 1902. You will see the possible importance of this person shortly.

In the 1910 Census, Al W. and Euyla Benson were living together at 125 Third Ave in Grand Rapids. He was working as a night watchman at a knitting works and renting their home. They had been married 14 years at this point, and, according to this census, this was the second marriage for him and the third marriage for her. Also, she was the mother of two children, both living.

Emma E. Benson, a housewife, died January 10, 1914 in Grand Rapids, Kent County, with Lyman Benson being the informant for the death certificate. He gave her father as Franklin Bliss, and her mother as unknown. At her death, they were both living a 147 Grant St. in Grand Rapids. She died from chronic diarrhea of 6 months duration. She was 67 years, 10 months, and 18 days old. Finding the death record made it easy to find an obituary at the Grand Rapids Library which did clearly state that her name was Mrs. Eunice E. Benson and that Henry Blaisdell of Harbor Springs and Alden Blaisdell of Manchester were her children. The death certificate said she was to be buried at the cemetery in Middleville on January 15—but the obituary said Middleton. Although several of her relatives are buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery on the east side of Middleville, the township clerk had no record of her burial nor could I find a gravestone. Middleville is about 20 miles SSE of Grand Rapids, and Middleton is about 35 miles NE of Grand Rapids, but, as far as I know, Eunice had no connection to Middleton, and I have found no record of her burial there. However, there are missing gravestones and inaccuracies in the records in Mt. Hope Cemetery, and her remains may someday be found there.

Back in Harbor Springs, Lyman Benson died of apoplexy (sudden stroke) on Sept 27, 1915, less than two years after Eunice died, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Harbor Springs, alone. There was no record of Eunice nor his first wife there. His sister, Rosamond Eastman, was the informant for his death certificate. She and her husband, Horace Eastman, are buried next to Lyman.

Franklin Blaisdell did not live long after Eunice died. On May 7, 1914, at age 81, he died of hemiplegia (stroke on one side of body) and was soon buried in the Blaisdell family plot at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manchester with a gravestone honoring his Civil War service. Lucia (Blaisdell) Campbell had died back in March 4, 1902, and was also buried there with a larger monument paid for by her kids. Eunice's other two husbands have not been as easy to track down to determine their fates partly due to their common names.

Eunice's son Percy Blaisdell had a long life that spanned a changing era. Most of his work life revolved around transportation, starting with the railroad and working as a drayman, to later working as a proprietor of a garage, taxi driver, and trucker—from hauling loads with horses to hauling loads with trucks and cars. For some time, he was also superintendent of the Harbor Point Association, the closed community on the peninsula at Harbor Spring. His house still exists on Bay Street overlooking the Marina. It is in the process of being remodeled. Percy H. Blaisdell died September 2, 1945 and is buried with his wife, Frances E. "Fannie" (Fairfield) Blaisdell, at Lakeview Cemetery in Harbor Springs right next to his uncle and aunt, Adolphus and Rhoda (King) Bliss. Percy and Frances had a long marriage, but they never had any children. His brother, however, was a different story.

Alden L. Blaisdell, 22, married Carrie L. Andrews, 19, on November 10, 1885 in Washtenaw County. They spent pretty much all of their lives together in the Manchester area where he farmed. After Lucia Campbell died, Alden moved his family into town to live with his father, Franklin Blaisdell. They had 5 kids: Bertha, Lester, Mabel, Elmer, and Ruth. Alden died March 31, 1938. He and Carolyn (aka Carrie) are buried together in the Blaisdell family plot in Manchester. Their youngest child, Ruth, lived most of her life in Franklin's house on Morgan Street in Manchester long after the old people were dead.

So, when Eunice Eliza Bliss Blaisdell Jackson Ross Benson died in 1914, she had two children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Eventually, she would have 13 great-grandchildren. Of course, those were also descendants of Benjamin Franklin Blaisdell.

Sue E. Blaisdell *has a background in plant sciences and enjoys being outside and physically active It was her mother's wish for her to take over the genealogy "stuff" that she had amassed in collaboration with a cousin. Although the collection was mostly Sue's maternal line, her mother had also gathered some interesting stories on Sue's paternal Blaisdell line and had joined the Blaisdell Family National Association to get historical records. In the 10 years since her mother's death, Sue has been following her Blaisdell line over several generations as they moved from Massachusetts to Michigan. She currently resides in Iowa and has found her membership in the Central Iowa Genealogical Society and Marshall County Historical Society (now merged) to be very educational and inspiring. Sue can be reached at:* sue.blaisdell49@gmail.com.

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WILLIAM ELWELL FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

The William Elwell family Bible is located at the Ypsilanti Historical Society in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The Museum has kindly granted permission to the GSWC to transcribe and publish a transcription of the Bible record.

The Holy Bible: the Old and New Testaments [*no publication information*]

Marriages

William Elwell and Lena Reinning, the 14 day of January, 1904 were married here, both of Sumpter, Mich., Wayne County.
Oren Elwell in 1922 was married [spouse not recorded]
Lavina Elwell was married the 8 of December, 1923, 17 years old [*spouse not recorded*]
Lavina Hefner divorce March the 9, 1929.
Lavina married to Guy Beaumont, Nov. 22, 1930.
Hazel Elwell married to Victor Staeb, Nov. 19, 1932.
Lavina divorce Guy Beaumont March 28, 1935.

Births

William Elwell was born the 7 of June, 1872 in Sumpter.
Lena Reinning was born the 23 of April, 1879 in Germany.
Lavina Marie Elwell, 14 October, 1906 in Van Buren.
Baby boy born the 15 August, 1908, Sumpter.
Hazel Elwell, 21 of December, 1909, Washtenaw Co.
Nelson Elwell, 19 of September, 1911, Sumpter.
Howard Elwell was born the 3 of Jan. 1915 in Sumpter.
Oren Elwell was born the 13 of November, 1898.

Deaths

Baby boy, Rinert Elwell died the 16 August, 1908, Sumpter.
Father John Reinning died the 30 June, 1922, was born in Germany, 70 years, 5 months, 4 days.
Mother Marie Reining died April 18, 1934, Belleville, Mich.
William Elwell died 16 Jan. 1945, born 7 June 1872 near Belleville, Mich.
Lavina Marie Elwell, 29th of Nov 1954, Lincoln Park.
Mother Lena Elwell, 15th April, 1959, Ypsilanti.

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATIONS 1907, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Abstracted by Judi Bornemeier

The following is an abstract of the confirmations for the year 1907 recorded in a Zion Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan record book labeled *1894–1924 Baptisms, Confirmation, Marriages, Funerals*. The book is part of the Zion Lutheran Church Ann Arbor, Michigan Records, 1833–1981 collection at the Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan and these confirmation records were abstracted and printed with permission from Bentley Historical Library as well as Zion Lutheran Church. Column headings in the book are in German but have been translated to English for this abstract; other entries in German remain as written. The abstract maintains the recorded spelling of names and places, punctuation use was inconsistent. A "+" by the name was used by the church to indicate the person is deceased.

Confirmation Date: Palm Sunday, 24 March 1907 [*Pastor name not given*]

No.	Name of Confirmed	Birth Date and Birth Place of the Confirmant	Comments [*Names of parents are listed*]
1	Baür Wilh. Walter	8 Okt 1892 Ann Arbor, M	G. J. Baür Karol. "
2	Ebler Erwin Joseph	28 März 1892 Ann Arbor, Mich	Joh. Ebler Maria "
3	Gokenbach Emil Fr.	18 Juni 1893 Ann Arbor, M	Gottfr. Gokenbach Barb. "
4	Graf Alfred A.	3 Dez 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Ed. Graf Antonie "
5	Hagen Joh. F.	13 Aug 1892 Salem Tp.	Lewis Hagen Kath. "
6	Hagen Hermann J	11 Aug 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Joh. Hagen Johanna "
7	Hoffmann Oskar K	20 Juli 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Fr. Hoffmann Lydia "
8	Kefferstein Reimann K. F.	25 Feb 1893 Detroit, Mich	Karl Kefferstein Maria "
9	Krumrei Eduard Hr.	4 Nov. 1891 Pittsfield Tp	Fr. Krumrei Charlotte "
10	Krumrei Oskar J	28 Dez 1891 Ann Arbor, M	Joh F. Krumrei Ann "
11	Lange Franz W	30 Nov. 1892 Monon Co., Mich [*Livingston Co.*]	Lewis Lange Lena "
12	Lohr Ernst Fr.	21 Dez 1891 Pittsfield	Amos Lohr Maria "
13	Schenk Walter Hr.	2 Jan 1892 Pittsfield Tp	Gust Schenk Hannah "
14	Schnierle Geo. Harry	1 Mai 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Math. Schnierle Anna "
15	Spiess Karl Alb.	3 Juni 1892 Scio	Gust. Spiess Maria "
16	Schwartz Walter Hr.	7 Dez 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Gottlob Schwartz Klara "

17	Staeb Edwin Geo	14 Juni 1893 Ann Arbor, M	Fr. Staeb Karol. ”
18	Armbruster Ida M	2 Nov. 1892 Scio	Jos. Armbruster Maria ”
19	Bühler Elsa D.C. +	16 Juni 1893 Ann Arbor, M	Karl Bühler Pauline ”
20	Eschelbach Alma R	30 Apr 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Jak. Eschelbach Emma ”
21	Jäger Lydia M	22 Aug 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Ernst Jäger Elis ”
22	Krumrei Anna J. A.	22 Aug 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Carl Krumrei Auguste ”
23	Kuohn Anna	16 Jan 1893 Detroit, Mich	Gottlob Kuohn Anna ”
24	Laü Alexia A. T.	31 Dez 1891 Ann Arbor, M	Chr Lau Pauline ”
25	Lübke Amanda B. A.	13 Jan. 1893 Ann Arbor, M	Fr. Lubke Bertha ”
26	Mast Anna A	2 Juli 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Bernh. Mast Anna ”
27	Mast Maria Elsa +	25 Mai 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Geo. ” Martha ”
28	Maulbetsch Lydia W	16 Feb. 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Joh. Maulbetsch Agatha ”
29	Meier Louise M. F.	15 Feb. 1893 Pittsfield	Albert Meier Bertha ”
30	Nagel Olive M	30 Dez 1892 Scio	Gottlieb Nagel Frederike ”
31	Niethammer Ida E.	29 Aug 1892 Ann Arbor, M	W. Neithammer Louise ”
32	Nimtz Line E.	31 Okt. 1893 W. Sumpter, Mich	Carl Nimtz Wilhelmine ”
33	Nowak Amanda J. A	5 Apr 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Chr. Nowak Auguste ”
34	Schmid Renia C	25 Juni 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Fr. G. Schmid Frederike ”
35	Schmidt Ida	13 Juli 1893 Ann Arbor, M	Fedel Schmidt Maria ”
36	Schmitt Amanda L	1 Sept 1892 Ann Arbor, M	Eg. Schmitt Louise ”
37	Spiess Clara A	5 Jan 1894 Scio	Gust. Spiess Maria ”
38	Staebler Clara D	14 Mai 1893 Ann Arbor, M	J. Fred. Staebler Maria ”
39	Staebler Anna Clara	11 März 1893 Pittsfield Tp	Jak. Staebler Maria ”
40	Welker Lilly A	10 Jan 1893 Ann Arbor, M	Geo. Welker Kath. ”

REV. FRIEDRICH SCHMID'S BAPTISMAL RECORDS, 1847–1875, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(Part Twenty-Four)

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The original records of Rev. Friedrich Schmid are currently housed and may be accessed in The Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Please note that the handwriting of Rev. Schmid is not easily deciphered, in part due to his penmanship. The records contain entries written in old German script and some using English script. In addition, the pages in his records are not numbered. It is our understanding that he kept notes as he traveled and then entered them into his record books when he returned home. This may explain that while the records are fairly complete there are some gaps or omissions.

We have maintained the spelling Rev. Schmid used in the case of names. Items enclosed in parentheses are usually comments or notes of the translators or indicate alternate spellings. The term "geb." in relation to a female name, refers to "born as" or maiden name. A "+" at the beginning or end of a line indicates the person is deceased. "Unehl." indicates that the parents were not married to each other at the time of the baptism.

Rev. Schmid's Baptismal Records are in column format as follows:
(Left hand pages – a.) "Chronological Number" of the child for that particular year; Name of Child; Parents Names; Place; Birth Date.
(Right hand pages – b.) Baptismal Date and Place; Sponsors Names (sometimes marital status or relationship of the sponsors are listed).
Columns with no entry or missing information are indicated by three hyphens (---).

Year 1866

1a. Frank Chr. Herrman (Dose); J. Dose; M. Dose; Ann Arbor; 17 Dec. (18)65;
1b. 1 Jan. (1866); Chr. Juge; Fr. C. Juge; and wife of Kuhn.
2a. Jacob (Stäbler); J. Alb. Stäbler; El. Stäbler; Lodi; 22 Dec. (18)65;
2b. 5 Jan. (1866); J. G. Stäbler; and wife of Schweiger.
3a. Joh. Friedrich (Alber); J. Alber; M. Alber; Saline; 23 Nov. (18)65;
3b. 9 Jan. (1866); Fr. Alber; and Cath. Stollsteimer, single.
4a. Friedrich (Schuhmacher); Fr. Schuhmacher; Dor. Schuhmacher; Scio; 16 Dec. (18)65;
4b. 13 Jan. (1866); J. G. Heimerdinger; and his wife.
5a. Joh. Alfried (Kärcher) L. Kärcher; M. Kärcher; Lima; 4 Aug. (18)65;
5b. 13 Jan. (1866); J. M, Kärcher; and Barb. Haas, single.
6a. Joh. Georg (Schlee); J. G. Schlee; M. Schlee; Ann Arbor; 28 Dec. (18)65;
6b. 14 Jan. (1866); J. Reinhardt; and wife of J. Girbach.
7a. C. Ja. Christof (Hërning); Er. Hërning; A. Hërning; Dexter; 2 Jun. (18)65;
7b. 27 Jan. (1866); J. Schaberle; C. & Chr. Bischof; Em. Geier; L. Stabler; P. Bischof.
8a. Phillip Heinrich (Kaufmann); G. Kaufmann; C. Kaufmann; Scio; 13 Jan. (1866);
8b. 28 Jan. (1866); H. Kaufmann; M. Buss; and Dor. Häussler.
+9a. Georg Otto (Schleucher); L. Schleucher; Cath. Schleucher; Ann Arbor; 28 Dec. (18)65;
9b. 28 Jan. (1866); G. Maser; and D. Schleucher, grandparents.
10a. Anna Maria (Kappler); A. Kappler; Ag. Kappler; Scio; 12 Dec. (18)65;
10b. 31 Jan. (1866); J. G. Kappler; and his wife; and Barb. Walz.

11a. Ema Fridrica (Stäbler); Fr. Stäbler; Cath. Stäbler; Scio; 11 Jan. (1866);
11b. 10 Feb. (1866); Joh. Wagner; and wife of Alber.
12a. Carl Friedrich (Strichenecker); Ja. Strichenecker; El. Strichenecker ; Ann Arbor; 7 Dec. (18)65;
12b. 11 Feb. (1866); Martin Lang; and Fridrica Laubengaier, single .
13a. Ludwig (Heintzmann); J. Heintzmann; M. Heintzmann; Ann Arbor; 28 Dec. (18)64;
13b. 18 Feb. (1866); the parents.
14a. Joh. Francis (Bonett); A. Bonett; B. Bonett; Northfield; 13 Sep. (18)64;
14b. 19 Feb. (1866); Fra. Kapp; and his wife, grandparents.
15a. Carl Meils (Alber); Mich. Alber; D. Alber; Ann Arbor; 9 Jan. 1866;
15b. 21 Feb. 1866; Chr. Burkhardt; and wife of Chr. Reyer.
16a. Gustav Adolf (Gerner); Joh. Gerner; Fridica Gerner; Ann Arbor; 29 Jan. (1866);
16b. 25 Feb. (1866); the parents.
17a. Lidia Catharina (Fiegel); Joh. Fiegel; G. Fiegel; Freedom; 19 Feb. (1866);
17b. 28 Feb. (1866); Chr. Fiegel; and his wife; Chr. & Chr. Lambart, single.
18a. Carolina Clara (Schnüring); J. Schnüring; M. Schnüring; Freedom; 18 Feb. (1866);
18b. 28 Feb. (1866); Chr. Metzger; and wife of G. Bussinger .
19a. Clara (Hangsterfer); Jakob Hangsterfer; M. Hangsterfer; Ann Arbor; 2 Aug. 1857;
19b. 4 Mar. (1866); the parents.
20a. Lulo (Hangsterfer); Jakob Hangsterfer; M. Hangsterfer; Ann Arbor; 14 Mar. (18)60;
20b. 4 Mar. (1866); the parents.
21a. Mathilda (Hangsterfer); Jakob Hangsterfer; M. Hangsterfer; Ann Arbor; 16 Aug. (18)62;
21b. 4 Mar. (1866); the parents.
22a. Ella (Hangsterfer); Jakob Hangsterfer; M. Hangsterfer; Ann Arbor; 2 May (18)65;
22b. 4 Mar. (1866); the parents.
23a. Emmanuel (April); Will. April; M. April; Scio; 17 Feb. (1866);
23b. 4 Mar. (1866); Jakob April, single; and wife of J. Schweitzner.
24a. Theodor Ludwig (Seger); Fr. Seger; M. Seger; Lodi; 5 Feb. (1866);
24b. 10 Mar. (1866); Simon Hirt; and his wife.
25a. Maria Lidia (Hieber); D. Hieber; Chr. Hieber; Freedom; 12 Feb. (1866);
25b. 10 Mar. (1866); Chr. Fiegel; and his wife.
26a. Maria Dorothea (Schäberle); J. Schäberle; M. Schäberle; Ann Arbor; 6 Feb. (1866);
26b. 11 Mar. (1866); Irenes Beck; and Dor. Schäberle.
27a. John Georg (Kappler); J. G. Kappler; M. Kappler; Scio; 4 Mar. (1866);
27b. 14 Mar. (1866); A. Kappler; and his wife.
28a. Ida Elenora (Stierle); Fr. Stierle; M. Stierle; Lodi; 3 Mar. (1866);
28b. 24 Mar. (1866); Carl Stierle; and wife of Eisele; Ro. Zahn.
29a. Lidia (Schäible); Math. Schäible; M. Schäible; Scio; 2 Mar. (1866);
29b. 25 Mar. (1866); J. G. Schnërle; and his wife.
30a. Friedrich (Jedele); Jakob Jedele; M. Jedele; Scio; 14 Mar. (1866);
30b. 31 Mar. (1866); Ja. Röhm; and wife of Joh. Jedele.
31a. Carl Friedrich (Gruner); A. Gruner; M. Gruner; Ann Arbor; 21 Feb. (1866);
31b. 1 Apr. (1866); F. Gruner; and wife of J. Stoll.
32a. Joh. Georg Martin (Höhnle); A. Höhnle; M. Höhnle; Ann Arbor; 19 Jun. (18)65;
32b. 2 Apr. (1866); J. G. Harrer; and wife of Mich. Höhnle.
33a. Carolina Magdalena (Maÿer); J. Maÿer; M. Maÿer; Freedom; 22 Feb. (1866);
33b. 4 Apr. (1866); Chr. Kluntzinger; and his wife.
34a. Willh. Adolf (Widmann); A. Widmann; Paul. Widmann; Ann Arbor; 27 Mar. (1866);
34b. 8 Apr. (1866); J. Gärtner, grandfather; and wife of T. Laubengaier .
35a. Bertha (Morlock); Chr. Morlock; M. Morlock; Ann Arbor; 14 Feb. (1866);
35b. 8 Apr. (1866); J. G. Seifried; and his wife.

36a. Eva Christina (Miller); Joh. Miller; M. Miller; Ann Arbor; 19 Mar. (1866);
36b. 19 Apr. (1866); J. Stoll; wife of Seifried; and wife of J. Walz.
+37a. Carl (Seger); J. M. Seger; Fr. Seger; Scio; 4 Apr. (1866);
37b. 22 Apr. (1866); J. G. Heimerdinger; and his wife.
38a. Augst. Georg (Römer); Joh. Römer; Cath. Römer; Ann Arbor; 4 Mar. (1866);
38b. 22 Apr. (1866); A. Herz; and Clara Maria Ottmer.
39a. H. L. Fr. Carl (Sturm); Carl Sturm; Mina Sturm; Ann Arbor; 23 Mar. (1866);
39b. 22 Apr. (1866); J. Lang; H. Schlette; W. Dose; and grandmother Schlette.
40a. Mathilda Auguste (Kuhnmann); Joh. Kuhnmann; M. Kuhnmann; Ann Arbor; 17 Mar. (1866);
40b. 29 Apr. (1866); J. Bodewel; and wife of Otto.
41a. Johannes Heinrich (Stäbler); J. Stäbler; Ros. Stäbler; Ann Arbor; 10 Apr. (1866);
41b. 3 May (1866); grandfather Stäbler; Widow Koch; and wife of Joh. Stäbler.
42a. Joh. Ludwig (Kurz); W. Kurz; Barb. Kurz; Ann Arbor; 9 Apr. (1866);
42b. 8 May (1866); G. Kurz; and wife of L. Beck, grandmother.
43a. Augste. Ida (Schneider); J. Schneider; A. Schneider; Scio; 18 Feb. 1862;
43b. 10 May (1866); G. Walz; M. Wilbert; El. Springer; and wife of H. Fuchs.
44a. Georg Willhelm (Schneider); J. Schneider; A. Schneider; Scio; 6 Dec. (18)65;
44b. 10 May (1866); G. Walz; M. Wilbert; El. Springer; and wife of H. Fuchs.
45a. Isse. Ernst (Schairer); G. Schairer; Chr. Schairer; Ann Arbor; 25 Apr. (1866);
45b. 10 May (1866); grandmother Reule.
+46a. Martin Samuel (Keck); Mich. Keck; Barb. Keck; Lodi; 11 May (1866);
46b. 11 May (1866); Martin Keck; wife of Grosshans; and M. Kärcher.
+47a. Mathilde (Rauschenberger); J. Rauschenberger; M. Rauschenberger; Ann Arbor; 4 Apr. (1866);
47b. 13 May (1866); the parents.
+48a. Carl Georg (Lotholz); G. Lotholz; M. Lotholz; Ann Arbor; 2 Mar. (1866);
48b. 20 May (1866); J. G. Spathelf; and wife of Hartmann.
49a. Ida Bertha (Haab); L. Haab; M. Haab; Webster; 13 Apr. (1866);
49b. 27 May (1866); Fr. Gross; M. Haab; El. Gross; and wife of Gaÿer.
50a. Elisbetha Catharina (Röhm); G. A. Röhm; M. Röhm; Ann Arbor; 27 Mar. (1866);
50b. 27 May (1866); J. Weimer; and Elis. Jedele, single.
51a. Melinda Dorothea (Schmid); Fr. Schmid; M. Schmid; Ann Arbor; 1 May (1866);
51b. 3 Jun. (1866); A. Schmid; and Dor. Knapp.
52a. Ema Elisabethe (Miller); Joh. Miller; M. Miller; Scio; 14 May (1866);
52b. 10 Jun. (1866); L. Miller; and wife of Stoll.
53a. Joh. Georg (Geissel); Co. Geissel; A. M. Geissel; Scio; 31 May (1866);
53b. 10 Jun. (1866); J. G. Hack; and his wife.
+54a. Catharina (Rauschenberger); Th. Rauschenberger; M. Rauschenberger; Ann Arbor; 16 Jun. 1866;
54b. 17 Jun. 1866; grandmother Haas.
55a. Emilie (Bässler); P. Bässler; Ros. Bässler; Ann Arbor; 9 May (1866);
55b. 17 Jun. (1866); wife of Lud. Fritz.
56a. Emilie Rosina (Katz); J. Katz; M. Katz; Ann Arbor; 19 Apr. (1866);
56b. 17 Jun. (1866); F. Katz; and El. Frei, single.
57a. Louisa Willhelmine (Lindemann); Chr. Lindemann; L. Lindemann; Scio; 27 May (1866);
57b. 17 Jun. (1866); A. Fritz; and wife of F. Fritz .
58a. Christina (Wuster); Fr. Wuster; Paulina Wuster; Ann Arbor; 19 May (1866);
58b. 17 Jun. (1866); A. Hutzel; and his wife.
59a. Jams. Peter (Braun); J. Braun; M. Braun; Ann Arbor; 2 Jan. (1866);
59b. 19 Jun. (1866); H. Steffe; and his wife.
60a. Carolina Catharina (Rauschenberger); J. Rauschenberger; M. Rauschenberger; Ann Arbor;
24 Apr. (1866);
60b. 20 Jun. (1866); Jacob Walz; and his wife.

61a. Willhelm Friedrich (Maÿer); Fr. Maÿer; M. Maÿer; Ann Arbor; 10 Jun. (1866);
61b. 20 Jun. (1866); the parents.
62a. Martha Elise (Somer); J. Somer; M. Somer; Ann Arbor; 10 Jun. (1866);
62b. 22 Jun. (1866); C. Fr. Hegenbach; and Emilie Somer, single.
63a. Samuel (Widmann); J. Widmann; M. Widmann; Ann Arbor; 16 Apr. (1866);
63b. 24 Jun. (1866); wife of Fr. Stabler.
+64a. Bertha Emilie (Guse); J. Guse; M. Guse; Ann Arbor; 2 May (1866);
64b. 24 Jun. (1866); A. Gulitz; and Will. Lang.
65a. Joh. Georg (Gauss); Mich. Gauss; Cath. Gauss; Freedom; 2 Jun. (1866);
65b. 25 Jun. (1866); J. G. Jedele; and his wife.
66a. Carolina Catharina (Gauss); Mich. Gauss; Cath. Gauss; Freedom; 3 Jun. 1864;
66b. 25 Jun. (1866); J. G. Jedele; and his wife.
67a. Herrmann Gottlieb (Buss); W. Buss; Carol. Buss; Lodi; 7 Jun. (18)66;
67b. 25 Jun. (1866); Gottl. Hornung; and Soph. Buss, single.
68a. Robert (Schmid); Lo. Schmid; Cath. Schmid; Ann Arbor; 20 Jun. (1866);
68b. 30 Jun. (1866); Fr. Hornung; and his wife.
69a. Gustav Heinrich (Brem); J. Brem; Lo. Brem; Ann Arbor; 5 Mar. (1866);
69b. 1 Jul. (1866); grandmother Limpert.
70a. Maria Louise (Keck); J. Keck; M. Keck; Ann Arbor; 10 Jun. (1866);
70b. 1 Jul. (1866); Fr. Keck; and wife of Seger.
71a. Louise Henriette (Bissinger); J. Bissinger; Reg. Bissinger; Ann Arbor; 5 Jun. (1866);
71b. 1 Jul. (1866); grandfather, M. Reimold; and grandmother, C. Bissinger.
72a. Henriette Christiana (Kinzer); J. Kinzer; M. Kinzer; Ann Arbor; 2 Feb. (18)65;
72b. 1 Jul. (1866); grandmother, Miller.
73a. Willhelmene Adolfine (Kinzer); J. Kinzer; M. Kinzer; Ann Arbor; 30 May (1866);
73b. 1 Jul. (1866); grandmother, Miller.
74a. Christian (Miller); J. Miller; M. Miller; Ann Arbor; 18 Mar. 1853;
74b. 1 Jul. (1866); himself.
75a. Emilie Ottilie (Grube); Theod. Grube; M. Grube; Ann Arbor; 2 Jun. (18)66;
75b. 1 Jul. (1866); grandparents, Dieterle.
76a. Georg Willhelm (Schneider); Chr. Schneider; Chr. Schneider; Dexter; 22 Feb. (1866);
76b. 4 Jul. (1866); Georg Bonett; A. Maria Bonett, single.
77a. Cath. Juliana (Stäbler); Ja. Stäbler; Cath. Stäbler; Scio; 12 Jun. (1866);
77b. 8 Jul. (1866); Chr. Fiegel; and Sara Stäbler.
78a. Ema Dorothea (Hieber); Fr. Heiber; Chr. Heiber; Freedom; 23 Jun. (1866);
78b. 11 Jul. (1866); grandfather Grauer; and grandmother Hieber.
79a. Carl Eduart (Reÿer); Chr. Reÿer; M. Reÿer; Northfield; 15 Jun. (1866);
79b. 15 Jul. (1866); J. Reÿer; and Sara Stäbler.
80a. Ida Catharina (Allmendinger);Joh. Allmendinger; M. Allmendinger; Ann Arbor; --- Nov. 1861;
80b. 29 Jul. (1866); Gregor Nägele; and his wife.
81a. Carl Gregor (Allmendinger);J. Allmendinger; M. Allmendinger; Ann Arbor; 15 Oct. (18)63;
81b. 29 Jul. (1866); G. Nägele; and his wife.
82a. Ida Louise (Bonett); W. Bonett; Chri. Bonett; Ann Arbor; 5 Jul. (1866);
82b. 29 Jul. (1866); the parents.
+83a. Louisel (Hauk); G. Hauk; M. Hauk; Ann Arbor; 24 Jun. (1866);
83b. 30 Jul. (1866); the parents.
84a. Issabella (Schertmann); Mos. Schertmann; M. Schertmann; Ann Arbor; 31 May (1866);
84b. 1 Aug. (1866); Phil. Lohr; and his wife.
85a. Ida Catharina (Licht); C. Licht; Cath. Licht; Freedom; 20 Dec. 1865;
85b. 5 Aug. (1866); J. Fr. Gross; and Chri. Gross.

86a. Ema Maria (Killmer); Joh. Killmer; Hedwig Killmer; Lodi; 9 May (1866);
86b. 5 Aug. (1866); Fr. Seger; and his wife.
87a. Herr. Willhelm (Schulz); H. Schulz; D. Schulz; Ann Arbor; 13 Jun. (1866);
87b. 6 Aug. (1866); Jakob Seitz.
88a. Abraham Julius (Wagner); Joh. Wagner; M. Wagner; Scio; 1 Jul. (1866);
88b. 12 Aug. (1866); Joh. Wagner; and his wife.
89a. Martin Friedrich (Zeb?);J. Zeb; M. Zeb; Northfield; 3 Jun. (1866);
89b. 18 Aug. (1866); grandparents, Sauter.
90a. Maria Magdalena (Rehfuss); Ja. Rehfuss; M. Refuss; Scio; 4 Aug. (1866);
90b. 19 Aug. (1866); H. Paul; and wife of Fr. Laubengaier.
91a. Carl (Kuhnle); G. Kuhnle; M. Kuhnle; Ann Arbor; 21 Jun. (1866);
91b. 19 Aug. (1866); Joh. Kuhnle.
92a. Lidia Margaretha (Renz); J. Renz; M. Renz; Ann Arbor; 14 Jul. (1866);
92b. 26 Aug. (1866); Joh. Kirn; and his wife.
93a. Sara (Kuhnle); Joh. Kuhnle: M. Kuhnle; Ann Arbor; 8 Aug. 1865;
93b. 26 Aug. 1866; G. Kuhnle; and wife of Röhm.
94a. Lidia Fridrica (Gestner); J. Gestner; M. Gestner; Ann Arbor; 11 Feb. (1866);
94b. 26 Aug. (1866); Joh. Kiebler; and his wife; Joh. Braun; and his wife.
95a. Wilhellmene (Schuh);J. Schuh; Willh. Schuh; Ann Arbor; 18 Aug. (1866);
95b. 26 Aug. (1866); the parents.
96a. Johannes Willhelm (Bless); L. Bless; M. Bless; Lodi; 17 Jun. (1866);
96b. 31 Aug. (1866); Joh. Visel; and his wife.
97a. M. Magdalena (Kehrrwecker); J. Kehrrwecker; M. Kehrrwecker; Lodi; 3 Jun. (1866);
97b. 4 Sep. (1866); the parents.
98a. Bertha Margaretha (Trinkle); Chr. Trinkle; M. Trinkle; Freedom; 13 Aug. (1866);
98b. 5 Sep. (1866); J. Fr. Trinkle; and wife of Fr. Hieber.
99a. Lila Maria (Roscher); J. Roscher; Cath. Roscher; Ann Arbor; 2 May (1866);
99b. 7 Sep. (1866); El. Kuhnle.
100a. Eduart Ludwig (Sailer); A. Sailer; Cath. Sailer; Ann Arbor; 18 Aug. (1866);
1001b. 9 Sep. (1866); Co. Bissinger, grandfather; grandmother Sailer.
101a. Ema Phillipene (Weis); C. Weis; El. Weis; Lodi; 3 Aug. (18)65;
101b. 9 Sep. (1866); grandfather Sailer; and his wife.
102a. Jo. Albert Benjam (Jantis); J. Jantis; C. Jantis; Pittsfield; 23 Jul. (1866);
102b. 15 Sep. (1866); Fr. Stollsteimer; and Cath. Stollsteimer.
103a. Anna Maria (Hartmann); J. Hartmann; M. Hartmann; Freedom; 14 Aug. (1866);
103b. 15 Sep. (1866); A. Fr. Hartmann; and Margr. Andres, single.
104a. Herrmann (Vogel); J. Vogel; Soph. Vogel; Scio; 12 Sep. (1866);
104b. 20 Sep. (1866); Caroline Speich, single.
105a. Willhelm (Widemann); Fr. Widemann; M. Widemann; Ann Arbor; 12 Feb. (1866);
105b. 23 Sep. (1866); Jakob Koch; and Christina Haab, single.
106a. Johanna Carolina (Hening); Chr. Hening; M. Hening; Pittsfield; 27 Jun. (1866);
106b. 7 Oct. (1866); J. G. Bonnett; and his wife.
107a. Wilhelm Friedrich (Bonett); J. G. Bonett ; Carl. Bonett; Pittsfield; 4 Sep. (1866);
107b. 7 Oct. (1866); Carl Dohz; and El. Mende.
108a. Otto Fr. Willhelm (Hanenstein); Joh. Jac. Hanenstein; Co., geb. Otto, Hanenstein; Saline;
25 Dec. (18)65;
108b. 10 Oct. (1866); J. G. Lutz; and Anglia Maur.
109a. Franz Martin (Kapp); M. Kapp; A. M. Kapp; Lodi; 23 Jun. (1866);
109b. 10 Oct. (1866); J. Kapp; and M. Kapp.
110a. Joh. Franz (Maulbesch); Joh. Maulbesch; M. Maulbesch; Northfield; 9 Sep. (1866);
110b. 13 Oct. (1866); Christian Kapp; and wife of J. Steffe.

111a. Samuel (Henne); J. Henne; Fr. Henne; Lodi; 28 Aug. (1866);
111b. 16 Oct. (1866); Fr. Hörning; and his wife.
112a. Georg Heinrich (Kraft); A. Kraft; Lo. Kraft; Dexter; 11 Sep. (1866);
112b. 15 Oct. (1866); Co. Kraft; Martha Kraft.
113a. Martha Lidia (Koch); J. G. Koch; M. Koch; Pittsfield; 24 Sep (1866);
113b. 27 Oct. (1866); Ja. Jedele; and his wife; Jacob Koch; and wife of H. Paul.
114a. Maria (Abele); C. Abele; M. Abele; Scio; 24 May (18)64;
114b. 28 Oct. (1866); Chr. Hofstëdter; and the parents.
115a. Frank (Abele); C. Abele; M. Abele; Scio; 20 Oct. (18)65;
115b. 28 Oct. (1866); Chr. Hofstädter; and the parents.
116a. Paulina Rosina (Schneider); Joh. Schneider; M. Schneider; Ann Arbor; 21 Aug. (1866);
116b. 28 Oct. (1866); Mich. Stein, grandfather; and wife of W. Paul.
117a. Rosina (Drascher); J. Drascher; M. Drascher; Ann Arbor; 6 Oct. (1866);
117b. 28 Oct. (1866); Peter Bässler; and his wife.
118a. Maria Nanse (Statz); Fr. Statz; Nanse Statz; Ann Arbor; 15 Mar. (1866);
118b. 31 Oct. (1866); Jakob Katz; and his wife.
119a. Ernst Theodor (Paul); W. Paul; Magdl. Paul; Ann Arbor; 28 Aug. (1866);
119b. 4 Nov. (1866); H. Paul; and Dor. Weinmann.
120a. Hein. August (Kannenberg); Fr. Kannenberg; Ros. Kannenberg; Ann Arbor; 18 Oct. (1866);
120b. 4 Nov. (1866); G. Haas; and his wife.
121a. Eduart (Koch); J. Koch; M. Koch; Northfield; 28 Feb. (1866);
121b. 5 Nov. (1866); Fr. Kempf; and M. Koch .
122a. Rosa Mathilde (Hirt); Fr. Hirt; M. Hirt; Ann Arbor; 17 Sep. (1866);
122b. 11 Nov. (1866); grandparents Frank.
123a. Catharina (Hetzer); Chr. Hetzer; Cath. Hetzer; Ann Arbor; 25 Oct. (1866);
123b. 11 Nov. (1866); Fr. Walther; and his wife.
124a. Maria Lora (Herrmann); L. Herrmann; Reg. Herrmann; Manchester; 11 Nov. (18)65;
124b. 17 Nov. (1866); Casper Franz; and Louise Franz.
125a. Georg Friedrich (Fuehr); G. Fuehr; M. Fuehr; Scio; 5 Apr. (1866);
125b. 18 Nov. (1866); Joh. Fuehr; and wife of St. Heintzmann.
126a. Carl Theodor (Fiegel); Chr. Fiegel; Fridic. Fiegel; Freedom; 7 Nov. (1866);
126b. 25 Nov. (1866); Joh. Hieber; and wife of Joh. Fiegel; and wife of D. Hieber.
+127a. Eleonora Sophia (Zahn); Mich. Zahn; Dor. Zahn; Freedom; 19 Oct. (1866);
127b. 25 Nov. (1866); Mich. Kärcher; and wife of J. G. Zahn.
128a. Joh. Carl (Brohmiller); J. Brohmiller; M. Brohmiller; Ann Arbor; 12 Oct. (1866);
128b. 25 Nov. (1866); the parents.
129a. Juliana Sophia (Nebel); Fr. Nebel; M. Nebel; Ann Arbor; 19 Aug. (18)65;
129b. 25 Nov. (1866); Louise Starck.
130a. Martha Margaretha (Ebersbacher); G. Ebersbacher; Fr. Ebersbacher; Ann Arbor; 22 Nov. 1866;
130b. 5 Dec. 1866; Fr. Schmid; and wife of A. Hutzel.
131a. Mina (Friedrich); J. Friedrich; M. Friedrich; Ann Arbor; 19 Jan. (18)6(?);
131b. 7 Dec. (1866); the parents.
132a. Johann (Friedrich); J. Friedrich; M. Friedrich; Ann Arbor; 9 May (1866);
132b. 7 Dec. (1866); the parents.
133a. Joh. Simon(Steffe); J. Steffe; M. Steffe; Northfield; 10 Sep. (1866);
133b. 11 Dec. (1866); Chr. Reÿer; and his wife.
134a. Bertha Ama. (Kiebler); Joh.Kiebler; M. Kiebler; Ann Arbor; 30 Sep. (1866);
134b. 16 Dec. (1866); J. Kiebler; and his wife.
135a. Carl Willhelm (Andres); Joh. Andres; Cath. Andres; Scio; 21 Oct. (1866);
135b. 16 Dec. (1866); Carl Hutzel; and his wife.

136a. Samuel Gottfried (Paul); Ja. Paul; M. Paul; Scio; 19 Nov. (1866);
136b. 23 Dec. (1866); Fr. Kärcher; and wife of G. Miller.
137a. Will. Augst. (Has); G. Has; A. Has; Ann Arbor; 7 Dec. (1866);
137b. 23 Dec. (1866); Fr. Kannenberg; and his wife.
138a. Carl Jacob (Lutz); Mich. Lutz; A. M. Lutz; Ann Arbor; 8 Nov. (1866);
138b. 24 Dec. (1866); Gottf. Jedele; and his wife.
139a. Rudolf Herrmamn (Otto); W. Otto; Ottilie Otto; Ann Arbor; 17 Nov. (1866);
139b. 25 Dec. (1866); W. Bodwill; and Maria Schmidt.
140a. Martha Lidia (Schaible); M. Schaible; M. Schaible; Ann Arbor; 23 Jun. (1866);
140b. 25 Dec. (1866); M. Harrer; and M. Hack.
141a. Anna Maria (Keck); Martin Keck; M. Keck; Scio; 14 Dec. (1866);
141b. 27 Dec. (1866);Mich. Keck; and his wife.
142a. Nicolaus Phillip (Feldkamp); H. Feldkamp; Margr. Feldkamp; Freedom; 13 Nov. (1866);
142b. 29 Dec. (1866); Phil. Blum; and his wife.
[*This is the end of the records for the year 1866.*]

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SARAH A. PARSONS FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

This Bible record is from the Louis White Collection at the Ypsilanti Historical Society Museum. Louis White compiled several family histories while serving as the first historian for the City of Ypsilanti. The Ypsilanti Historical Society has generously donated copies of the Bible records in the collection to the GSWC Bible Records Registry and given permission to the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County to publish the records.

The following entries were copied by Louis White from two Bibles in the possession of Miss Sarah A. Parsons [*daughter of Roswell and Zilpha (Matteson) Parsons*] on December 19, 1943.

Philo Parsons, son of Roswell and Agnes A. Parsons was born in Enfield, Conn. April 14, 1807 and died April 8, 1890. He emigrated to Michigan, Washtenaw County, Pittsfield Twp. in 1825.

Sarah A. [*(Baldwin)*] Parsons, daughter of Oliver and Sally P. Baldwin was born at Bozrah, Conn. Feb 14, 1808 and emigrated to Michigan in 1831. She united with the Congregational Church at the former place at the age of 15 and after with the Presbyterian Church at Ypsilanti during the 2d year of J. M. Wead's ministry in 1832.

Sarah A. Parsons, widow of Philo Parsons died Jan. 16, 1897 in the Town of Ypsilanti, Michigan, aged 89 years. She was born Feb. 14, 1808 in Bozrah, Conn. She married Philo Parsons, March 6, 1833.

Children of Philo and Sarah A. Parsons

Agnes Prudden	born	Jan. 4, 1834
Emily Nichols	”	Nov. 15, 1835
Sarah Elizabeth	”	Jan. 1, 1838
Roswell	”	Dec. 17, 1839
Frances Amelia	”	July 7, 1845

Roswell and Zilpha Matteson Parsons were married April 17, 1866

Zilpha M. Parsons	born	June 14, 1838	died	Nov. 27, 1928
Roswell Parsons	”	Dec. 17, 1839	”	Mar. 29, 1924

[***Sarah A. Parsons Family Bible Record,*** *continued*]

Children [*of Roswell and Zilpha (Matteson) Parsons*]

Sarah Attillia	born	Sept. 2, 1871
Fred Philo	”	Dec. 4, 1872

Children of Freedom P. and Agnes Chase [Agnes P. Parsons]

Lizzie Belle	born	May 6, 1857
Philo Parsons	”	Nov. 9, 1858

Children of Henry B. and Agnes Lee [Agnes P. Parsons]

Sarah Lillian	born	Mar. 25, 1867

Children of George and Elizabeth Thompson [Sarah Elizabeth Parsons]

Carrie	born	July 20, 1864
Georgia	”	Nov. 21, 1868

Children of Philo Parsons Chase and Emma J. Chase

Willie Dwight	born	May 11, 1879,	Dexter, Mich.		died Sept 10 1892
Mabel Belle	born	July 31, 1880	”	”	
Erma Elizabeth	”	May 10, 1885	”	”	
Glen	”	Nov. 11, 1886	”	”	
Don Claudius	”	Oct. 14, 1888,	Harpersville, Mich.		died Feb. 13, 1889
Agnes Gertrude	born	Oct. 23, 1891	”	”	
Earl	”	Jan. 27, 1894	”	”	
Harold	”	June 29, 1895	”	”	
Ralph Raymond	”	Nov. 19, 1896	”	”	
Vinette Ray	”	May 8, 1898	”	”	

Philo Parsons died April 8, 1890 aged 83 years
Emily Nichols Parsons died April 8, 1837 aged 16 months, 3 weeks
Frances Amelia Parsons died Jan. 10, 1848 aged 2 years, 6 ms.
Freedom P. Chase ” May 23, 1862 ” 35 years
Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Philo & Sarah Parsons, born Jan. 1, 1838 died Mar. 8, 1893
Roswell Parsons, son of Philo & Sarah Parsons died Mar. 29, 1924
Lizzie Belle Chase died Nov. 8, 1874 aged 17 years, 6 ms.
Carrie A. Thompson died Aug. 16, 1866 aged 2 years

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A BRIEF ADVENTURE FOR CHARLES PARKS, 1877

Charles Parks, who forged an order on a man in Ypsilanti, in February last, and who was lodged in jail and escaped shortly afterwards, has been recaptured. He says that on the evening of his escape, he left here about dusk, arriving in Toledo early the next morning. He accomplished this feat by running all the way. Soon after his arrival in Toledo, he determined to return to this State, and since that time has been traveling in various parts of it. Venturing too near Ann Arbor, the officers who had been on the look-out for him, recognized him, and he now languishes once more in jail, where opportunity will probably not be given him to escape. Since his departure from this city he has kept an accurate diary of his wanderings, the last entry in which is, “Caught and brought back to Ann Arbor.”

The Ann Arbor Register, August 2, 1877. p. 3, col. 3.(The City)

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IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPH E. COMPTON

3 JUNE 1925–29 OCTOBER 2018

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IN MEMORIAM

GILBERT B. CROSS

2 MAY 1939–5 OCTOBER 2019

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IN MEMORIAM

DIANE F. (BALDWIN) CLARK

29 MARCH 1941–1 JULY 2020

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IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES "BOB" ROBERT SNIDER

26 MARCH 1923–15 AUGUST 2020

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IN MEMORIAM

JOHN WILLIAM FORD

3 APRIL 1945–20 AUGUST 2020

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GEORGE LAUBENGAYER ASSESSED A FINE, AUGUST 1877

Geo. Laubengayer was threshing wheat the other day when he decided to vary the monotony of such work by thrashing John Mueller. The former occupation put money into his pocket and the latter took money out of his pocket. The fine assessed by Justice Frueauff was $15 and costs. That's the way the story was told to us.

The Ann Arbor Register, August 22, 1877. p. 3, col. 2. (The City)